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NIJMEGEN 2006

Though this years Nijmegen March was cancelled after only one day of marching due to high-temperatures, it didn't prevent U.S. Soldiers from having a good time and showing their team spirit all the while gaining a new experience. Soldiers from 24 countries around the world participated in the march and all stayed at Camp Heumensoord, located just outside the town of Nijmegen. In total, there were nearly 5,000 military personnel who participated in the march this year, more than 300 of those were from the U.S.



Spc. Sebastien Raseman with the 21st Theater Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany shows off his walking wounds after marching for approximately 10 hours and 40 km on day one of the Nijmegen March.



Maj. Michael McGovern takes a load off after packing up his things and preparing to head back to USAG Schinnen.



Sgt. Reto Stauteemann from the Swiss Military and Sgt Raphael Fernandez, USAG Ansbach, Germany exchange military patches the day after Nijmegen was cancelled. The exchanging of military paraphernalia between international service members has become a tradition during the Nijmegen March.



At 5:30 a.m. on day one of the march, the U.S. contingency teams, led by team Benelux, head out of Camp Heumensoord to begin their 40 km walk.



U.S. Soldiers participating in this years march proudly take to the parade field to display the U.S. flag during the opening ceremonies.



2nd Lt, Henry Aguigui takes preparations the night before the first day of the Nijmegen march by getting his feet taped in an effort to prevent blistering.

NEWS

Criminal Justice course gives Soldiers, civilians good foundation for life

By LaDonna Davis

Soldiers and civilians seeking a degree in criminal justice are gaining knowledge and hands-on experience through the eight week Criminal Justice Course-*Police Systems and Practices*, offered by Central Texas College and taught at the Treebeek Education Center in Brunssum, NL

The class is taught by Air Force Lt. Col. Ken Frances, an expert and leader in military and civilian criminal intelligence programs for major international organizations.

Frances has over 20 years of experience in managing complex intelligence programs of the most sensitive nature. His resume includes working for the Department of Defense, NATO and the United Nations in areas including, but not limited to, counter-intelligence, counter-terrorism, counter-surveillance, hostage negotiations and surveillance. He is currently assigned to the NATO E-3A Base at Geilenkirchen, Germany.

But, in spite of his experience, for the first time in his life, Frances is taking on a new type of leadership role-teaching.

After returning to active duty in 2005, Frances was informed of a job listing for a CTC criminal justice program instructor. He says that his reasons for applying were two-fold.

"The program offers

a good opportunity for young soldiers to get a degree and that does make a difference whether they're staying on active duty and have aspirations to go to a warrant officer program or be a commissioned officer," says Frances. "Or later on if they decide they're ready to move and leave the military and they want to look at a civilian police department or work for some federal investigative agency, their chances are much higher if they obtain a degree before they leave the military."



Students enrolled in a Criminal Justice course offered by Central Texas College at the Treebeek Education Center listen to a presentation given by USAG Schinnen military policeman Pvt. Joshua Bilunka.

His students obviously agree.

USAG Schinnen military policeman, Sgt. Bryan Maynard has taken several courses in the criminal justice program with a goal of receiving his associate's degree in criminal justice and eventually making a difference in a community.

"When I get out (of the military), if I decide to get out, I'll have a degree," he says. "I'd like to go back to a middle-size city, something like 30,000 people and be a police officer there. Somewhere where I can help the community and give back."

AFNORTH mechanic, Sgt. Mathew Hunter is also securing a good foundation for his future by taking the Police Systems and Practices course. "Should I ever decide to get out, I'd like to pursue fire investigation," he says. "With fire investigation, the investigation part falls right in line with the policing and the same investigation that they do, the forensics. They marry up quite a bit.

In taking the course, Hunter has also realized a valuable lesson about education for service members. "It's really not that hard to do college," he says. "A lot of the people in the military, they're here because they didn't think they could go to college, could afford college, and this provides us with an opportunity to do that."

"When Soldiers transition back to the civilian sector, it does not matter what grade or rank the military member was," says Patricia Bigelow, the CTC field representative. "What does matter is the type of degree one offers and the job experience. Going to school and obtaining a two or four year degree will pay off and make the difference."

Students receive three units for completing the course which can lead to an Associate in Applied Science degree. As an added bonus, Military Policemen who take the course automatically get credit for Fire Arms and Use of Force.

CTC offers classes for an A.S. degree in Criminal Justice both on-line and face-to-face.

HOOAH TO THE ARMY CIVILIAN CORPS CREED!

Public Affairs

In a June 19, 2006 memo, signed jointly by Secretary of the Army Harvey and Gen. Schoomaker, the U.S. Army announced the Civilian Corps, which was created to unify the Army civilians and embody the commitment of these dedicated individuals who serve as an integral part of our Army team.

In establishing the creed, they acknowledged that "Army civilians serve in all three theaters, and are deployed worldwide supporting the Army mission and the Global War on Terrorism" and that as the Army's missions have become more complex, so have the roles of Army civilians.

ARMY CIVILIAN CORPS CREED

I am an Army Civilian –
a member of the Army
Team

I am dedicated to our Army,
our Soldiers and Civilians

I will always support the
mission

I provide stability and continuity during war and
peace

I support and defend the
Constitution of the
United States and consider it an honor to serve
our Nation and our
Army

I live the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal
Courage

I am an Army Civilian

LEGAL

NO MORE HIDING IN THE BUSHES: STALKING NOW A CRIME UNDER THE UCMJ

By: The Netherlands Law Center

Are there any fans of The Police out there? Does anyone actually listen to The Police anymore? Even if the answer to these two questions is an emphatic "No!" chances are nearly everyone out there has heard at least one of the band's more famous songs, "Every Breath You Take". Most could probably sing a verse or two to a friend:

*"Every breath you take,
Every move you make,
Every bond you break,
Every step you take,
I'll be watching you."*

Well, with the upcoming change to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), you had better start singing it to yourself or possibly run afoul of the new prohibition on stalking.

Under the new Article 120a, any person subject to the UCMJ who (1) wrongfully engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a rea-

sonable person to fear death or bodily harm, including sexual assault, to himself or herself or a member of his or her immediate family; (2) who has knowledge, or should have knowledge, that the specific person will be placed in reasonable fear of death or bodily harm, including sexual assault, to himself or herself or a member of his or her immediate family; and (3) whose acts induce reasonable fear in the specific person of death or bodily harm, including sexual assault, to himself or herself or to a member of his or her immediate family; is guilty of stalking and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

A few definitions may be of assistance. Here, "course of conduct" means a repeated (two or more times) maintenance of visual or physical proximity to a specific person; or a repeated conveyance of verbal threat, written threats, or threats implied by conduct, or a combination of such threats, directed at or towards a specific person. Moreover, the term "immediate family", in the case of a specific person, means a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of the person, or any other family member, relative, or intimate partner of the person who regularly resides in the household of the person or

who within the six months preceding the commencement of the course of conduct regularly resided in the household of the person.

Put simply, if a soldier frightens another individual by repeatedly doing something that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their own or their family's safety, then the soldier is guilty of stalking. Following someone from place to place on or off post and calling someone repeatedly on the phone, who has asked you to stop, may now amount to stalking under the UCMJ. Excuses like "I was playing a joke" or "I wasn't going to do anything" will not protect a soldier from punishment. And the punishment can be steep. The proposed maximum punishment for the offense of stalking is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for 3 years.

Therefore, let people have and enjoy both their personal space and private endeavors. The song "Every Breath You Take" may be good for singing but with the new offense of stalking in the UCMJ it is not good for emulating.

Don't lose that U.S. identification card

By The Netherlands Law Center

The loss of a US Identification card is a serious risk to the safety and protection of every member of the Schinnen community. Recently, Command has initiated steps to take in order to replace a lost ID card. Safeguarding US ID cards is a principle concern of the chain of command in our communities and must become a responsibility shared by us all. Interesting enough, most of the US Identity cards lost are the result of carelessness, not theft or accident.

When a US Identity card has been lost by a soldier, sailor, airman or marine, a civilian employee or a member of their family, it must be reported at the first opportunity to their respective garrison Military Police station. Often cards were replaced without the chain of command being aware a card had been

lost and this practice will cease to exist.

After the missing card has been reported to the MPs, the Military Police Desk Sergeant will open a case concerning the loss and the case will be entered on the official Military Police Blotter. The person reporting the loss must obtain a report of lost identity card from the Military Police Desk Sergeant. The form must have been assigned a control number and must be signed by the Military Police Desk Sergeant.

Finally, a replacement US Identity card will be issued only at the request, in writing, of the first commander in the chain of command of a service member or the first line supervisor of any civilian or contractor person. The Report of Lost Identity Card, issued by the Garrison Military Police Desk Sergeant, must be attached to the re-

quest signed by the commander or the first line supervisor. In addition, the sponsor must be accompanying when a replacement US Identity card is being issued to a dependent for whom they are responsible.

It may seem like a lot of trouble to replace a US identification card; however it is very important to cut down on the number of lost cards "floating around" in the community. Hopefully, these actions will force people to take more responsibility in securing their Identification cards so that they are not needlessly lost due to carelessness.

If you have any questions concerning this policy or have any other legal questions, please contact The Netherlands Law Center t DSN 364-6204 or civilian 0031 45-563-6204.

LEISURE

Leisure Activities ~ by Rita Hoefnagels

July 19-23: "*Fleurig (Blooming) 2006*" Fair at park and gardens of Castle de Haar near the town of Haarzuilens (NL). More than 180 participants offer a variety of products and services in the field of gardens, plants, garden products and lifestyle. The Castle itself can be visited as well. Entry: €13.50, children €5. Open: Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Through July 21: *Nijmegen March Festivities* is a large musical festival in the center of Nijmegen (NL) which is also the start of the famous Nijmegen March.

Through July 23: Join the World's largest walking event, the famous *Nijmegen March*, in and around Nijmegen (NL). For more information visit www.4daagse.nl.

July 28-29: The *Summer Carnival* is a colorful Caribbean festival with parades, bands, groups and more in the center of Rotterdam (NL).

July 29-30: The *International Historic Festival* takes place in the center of Panningen (NL) in the northern part of Limburg.

Jazz Night in the center of Roermond (NL) at Kloosterwandplein from 3:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

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July 30: *Antique Market* in the center of Valkenburg (NL), located across the VVV (Tourist) Office.

Aug. 2: *Summer fair* at Castle Ooijen Park in Broekhuizen (NL). Open: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Aug. 2-6: An *International Folkloric Dance Festival* takes place in the center of Odoorn (NL). Some 600 dancers and musicians from 18 countries take part in this festival.

Through Aug. 13: *Summer Event* in the

Castle Gardens of Arcen (NL) with daily raptor shows (noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.) and lots more. The historic castle and gardens are a beautiful sight. The estate has a rosarium with many different rose gardens; fir woods with native plants; a large lake; creeks and waterfalls. The park also has animals and a large playground. Open: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Entry: €12.50, children €6. The castle and its gardens can be found along the N271 (Venlo-Nijmegen), follow the signs "Kasteeltuinen Arcen."

Through Sept. 8: A traditional *Cheese and Old Crafts Market* is held every Friday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Waagplein in the center of Alkmaar (NL).

Through Sept. 13: Every Wednesday visitors will find from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. an *Antique and Flea Market* at the Market Square in the center of Gouda (NL).

There's a new BOSS in town

Better Opportunities for Single Service members is sponsoring a shopping trip to Cheb and Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic.

When: leaving JFC HQ Brunssum @ midnight on Sep. 22 - returning to JFC Sep. 24 early morning.

*****Passports** are **required** to travel, must be shown prior to boarding the bus***

Call 49-0-2451-993378 for more information



Don't Delay seats are limited and going fast...

LEISURE

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

AUGUST 24, 2006

The USAG Schinnen and the Tri-Border Special Emphasis Planning Committee is sponsoring

Women's Equality Day Observance Luncheon

Special Guest Speaker:

NANCY C. BERNARDY, PH.D.

from 1130 hrs to 1300 hrs

Cost: 8.50 Euros

Menu: Cordon Blue or Chicken Ragout
Beverage, and dessert

For Tickets call: any SEP Committee Member or
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"CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN WINNING THE RIGHT
TO VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES"

SCHINNEN NOTES

Military families can vacation affordably

Public Affairs

Armed Forces Recreation Centers provide quality, wholesome, affordable, family-oriented vacation recreation opportunities to service members, their family members, and other authorized patrons (including official travelers) of the Total Defense Force.

Special program offers exists for military retirees and soldiers (and their families) returning on R&R or Block Leave from serving in OIF/OEF. The R&R programming eligibility at the Armed Forces Recreation Centers applies to service members on orders and assigned in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), on a 12-month tour of duty with more than three months in theater. Service members must be in an R&R leave/Block leave status (typically six months into the tour and as verified by DA Form 31) and a copy of OIF/OEF orders.-

AFRC-Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany) – Located in scenic southern Bavaria, the newly constructed, 330-room Edelweiss Lodge and Resort opened to guests in Sep 04 and offers some of the best kept military benefits for eligible patrons. There are over 32 different summer and winter activities and programs year round at this Alpine lodge. The resort hotel property features 330 well-appointed guestrooms each with balcony or patio, camp grounds, and cabins. The

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Crime prevention:

A matter for the Marechaussee, Housing Office, and you!

At different periods during the year when your house is left empty due to TDY, leave, or vacation, your home may become susceptible to vandalism and burglary.

A lot of trouble can be avoided by being more careful before departure.

There are things you can do to make it less obvious that you are gone. The Marechaussee can provide you with a tip list of 32 preventative measures that you and your family can take before leaving.

Additionally, before leaving, let the Marechaussee know how long you will be gone. This can be done by filling out a form that can be picked up at the housing office or the USAG Schinnen military police station.

Let the housing office know who will be your point-of-contact when you're gone and who will have a key in case of an emergency.

For more information and tips, please contact the housing office at DSN 360-7449/7465/7430/7220.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety: Fire Prevention at Home

Unattended cooking is still a major cause of fires in housing. This kind of fire can become uncontrollable if it can spread too easily. One of the first things that can contribute to the spread of a cooking fire is the oven hood filter. An oven hood filter that is saturated with grease will easily ignite if exposed to a fire. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you replace or clean your oven hood filter regularly, at least once a year. People living in government leased quarters can get new oven hood filters through the self-help program.

CTC Term 1 classes

The Treebeek Central Texas College is gearing up for Term 1 classes! We are offering the following two vocational-technical courses: *Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement & Creative Arts for Early Childhood.* Both courses are three credit hours, are classroom based, and lead to an AA degree.

Central Texas College also now offers a web-based Microsoft Certification preparation program. Students can use Tuition Assistance for the program, and may gain college credit.

Registration is August 7-18th and classes begin August 21st. Please contact the CTC field representative at the Treebeek Education Center in The Netherlands to enroll, or visit the CTC website at www.europe.ctcd.edu. DSN 364-6005